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1. (Currently amended) A <u>mutual</u> solvent system for use in acidizing and cleaning up an oil or gas well, the mutual solvent system comprising:

an alcohol that is water soluble present in the amount of at least 5% by weight of the mutual solvent system;

an ester that is water and oil soluble present in the amount of at least 5% by weight of the mutual solvent system;

an aqueous acid comprising water and acid, the aqueous acid being present in an amount at least 5% by weight of the <u>mutual solvent system</u>; and

a solvent that is at least one of a ketone that is water and oil soluble and a cyclic ether that is water and oil soluble.

## 2-9. Cancelled.

10. (Currently amended) The <u>mutual</u> solvent system of claim 1 in which the ester is a  $C_2$  –  $C_{10}$  ester.

## 11-13. Cancelled.

14. (Previously presented) A solvent system for use in acidizing and cleaning up an oil or gas well, the solvent system comprising:

an alcohol that is water soluble present in the amount of at least 5% by weight of the solvent system;

an ester that is water and oil soluble present in the amount of at least 5% by weight of the solvent system;

an aqueous acid comprising water and acid, the aqueous acid being present in an amount at least 5% by weight of the solvent system; and

tetrahydrofuran present in the amount of between 10% and 50% by weight of the solvent system.

## 15. (Cancelled)

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16. (Currently amended) The solvent system of claim 14 in which the aqueous acid is present

in the amount of between 10% and 50% by weight of the solvent system.

17. (Currently amended) The solvent system of claim 16 in which the acid is hydrochloric

acid.

18-29. Cancelled.

30. (Currently amended) The mutual solvent system of claim 1 in which the solvent is a

ketone.

31. (Currently amended) The <u>mutual</u> solvent system of claim 1 in which the solvent

comprises a C<sub>3</sub> – C<sub>10</sub> ketone.

32. (Currently amended) The mutual solvent system of claim 31 in which the solvent

comprises methyl ethyl ketone.

33. (Currently amended) The <u>mutual</u> solvent system of claim 32 in which the methyl ethyl

ketone is present in the amount of between 10% and 50% by weight of the mutual solvent

system.

34. (Currently amended) The mutual solvent system of claim 1 in which a ketone is present

in the amount of between 10% and 50% by weight of the mutual solvent system.

35. (Currently amended) The mutual solvent system of claim 1 in which the aqueous acid is

present in the amount of between 10% and 50% by weight of the <u>mutual</u> solvent system.

36. (Currently amended) The mutual solvent system of claim 32 in which the acid is

hydrochloric acid.

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